



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1714
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: RUBBER COMPOSITION AND PNEUMATIC TIRE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-9 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-4 and 6-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Wideman '133 in view of Sandstrom '766.

The Examiner acknowledges the difference between the present invention and the disclosure of Wideman '133 is the ratio of polybutadiene rubber and styrene butadiene (page 4 of the Final Office Action dated January 24, 2005). However, the Examiner uses the disclosure of